



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, retired Captain Firefighter Art Ricks, of St. Louis, Missouri, was a 26-year fire service veteran who began his service as a Firefighter with the St. Louis Fire Department in June of 1990; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Ricks served in various units around St. Louis, including two tours as a private and officer of Rescue Squad 2, a special operations company; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Ricks instructed multiple recruit classes at the second oldest fire academy in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Ricks served 16 years as an officer before being promoted to Captain in 2000; and

WHEREAS, firefighters and law enforcement officials courageously and unselfishly strive to ensure the safety and well-being of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Missouri are thankful for the brave individuals in the firefighting and law enforcement professions who consider the welfare of others a personal responsibility and work tirelessly to protect the lives and the property of their fellow citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Eric R. Greitens, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, as a mark of respect for the death of

CAPTAIN ART RICKS

and for his bravery and service to the St. Louis Fire Department do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of Missouri shall be flown at half-staff at all government buildings in Missouri, for one full day on April 3, 2017, from sunrise to sunset.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 3rd day of April, 2017.



The signature of Eric R. Greitens is written in black ink above a horizontal line.

Eric R. Greitens
Governor

Attest:

The signature of Jay Ashcroft is written in black ink above a horizontal line.

Secretary of State